IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Group Art Unit No.: 2171

     GARY HALLMARK and DANIEL LEARY   Examiner: NYA

Serial No.: 09/757,399

Filed on: January 5, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPLEMENTING PARALLEL
          OPERATIONS IN A DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

This is a Reissue Application based on U.S. Patent No. 5,857,180
issued January 5, 1999

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box: Missing Parts
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

      Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the

application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace the existing text of Claims 27, 29 and 65 with the following text:

27.   (Once Amended) The method of Claim 20 wherein the step of assigning work

partitions is performed by assigning the work partitions in a sequence based at least in part on

sizes associated with the work partitions.